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CITY OF L.A.,)
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TRANSCRIPTION OF TAPE RECORDED INTERVIEW
OF OFFICER II DESIREE RODRIGUEZ No. 2

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1 DETECTIVE MACCHIARELLA: Okay. Thank you. And then
2 one more question is just whether or not what -- if
3 there was a -- what your thought process was in that
4 moment. I know this happened back in February, but if
5 you can recall for us if there was any thought process
6 for you to disengage from what was going on in the
7 hallway there after you know -- let me start over.
8 Knowing that you're holding the beanbag shotgun --

9 OFFICER RORDIGUEZ: Uh-huh.

10 DETECTIVE MACCHIARELLA: -- right, and the incident
11 is unfolding the way it was --

12 OFFICER RORDIGUEZ: Right.

13 DETECTIVE MACCHIARELLA: -- was there any thought
14 process from you to disengage from the incident allowing
15 the other officers to take the suspect into custody?

16 OFFICER RORDIGUEZ: The intention to disengage would
17 be yes, which is why I took a step back and I created
18 space.

19 DETECTIVE MACCHIARELLA: Okay. So you did
20 disengage, you backed up to create space?

21 OFFICER RORDIGUEZ: Uh-huh.

22 DETECTIVE MACCHIARELLA: But then in the video, you
23 do see that you are approaching and you are actually, I
24 think it's with your left hand, maybe trying to help
25 control the suspect?

1 OFFICER RORDIGUEZ: Right.

2 DETECTIVE MACCHIARELLA: So if you could tell us why
3 that happened?

4 OFFICER RORDIGUEZ: At that time, I didn't see the
5 officers going up with the sergeant. And I was not
6 going to let the sergeant get into a use of force by
7 himself.

8 DETECTIVE MACCHIARELLA: Okay.

9 OFFICER RORDIGUEZ: So because the immediate threat
10 was still there, I had to take control.

11 DETECTIVE MACCHIARELLA: Okay. Okay. I don't think
12 I have any other questions.

13 DETECTIVE FLORES: So when -- what you just
14 explained when you stepped in, where was your focus at?

15 OFFICER RORDIGUEZ: When I stepped in to?

16 DETECTIVE FLORES: When you -- when you have the
17 beanbag --

18 OFFICER RORDIGUEZ: Uh-huh.

19 DETECTIVE FLORES: -- and you're putting hands on,
20 where is your focus?

21 OFFICER RORDIGUEZ: My focus is making sure that the
22 less lethal is not covering any of the other officers
23 and keeping it in a safe position down, and then making
24 sure that we're still assessing, making sure the threat
25 is being taken care of.

1 DETECTIVE MACCHIARELLA: When you say him rushing
2 in, do you mean --

3 DETECTIVE FARISH: Sorry.

4 DETECTIVE MACCHIARELLA: -- the suspect or the
5 sergeant?

6 DETECTIVE FARISH: No. I'm sorry. Sergeant --
7 well, either, I guess, but in this case, the terms of
8 covering, Sergeant -- is it -- I believe it's Punzalan?

9 DETECTIVE MACCHIARELLA: Uh-huh.

10 DETECTIVE FARISH: His foot. The preplanning was
11 not for Sergeant Punzalan to come rushing in and grab
12 the suspect. And I'm not trying to say he did anything
13 wrong, necessarily, but you weren't expecting him to
14 come rushing in either. Right?

15 OFFICER RORDIGUEZ: No, sir.

16 DETECTIVE FARISH: Okay. That's all I have.

17 DETECTIVE FLORES: Do you recall the -- the barrel
18 of the beanbag shotgun making any physical contact with
19 anyone in that moment?

20 OFFICER RORDIGUEZ: No, ma'am.

21 DETECTIVE FLORES: Okay.

22 DETECTIVE FARISH: Oh, I'm sorry. One last thing.
23 I know you mentioned in your previous interview, and I
24 think you mentioned the other day that you assisted in
25 handcuffing the suspect?

1 OFFICER RORDIGUEZ: Yes.

2 DETECTIVE FARISH: Did you relinquish the beanbag
3 shotgun before you did that?

4 OFFICER RORDIGUEZ: Yes.

5 DETECTIVE FARISH: Okay. Thank you.

6 DETECTIVE MACCHIARELLA: Okay. All right. Do you
7 have anything you'd like to add, Officer Rodriguez?

8 OFFICER RORDIGUEZ: No, sir.

9 DETECTIVE MACCHIARELLA: No? Okay. We're going to
10 end the interview here. The time is now 0911 hours.

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